

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Harper, Maddison-Potts, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, District Cllr Rowe, County Cllr Les, Members of the Public x 9

Cllr Hull gives her resignation from the Parish Council, and wished to thank the present and past Cllrs, Chairmen and the Clerk for their support and hard work. She wished to be noted that she would like to continue supporting the PC in any way she could. Clerk to write a letter of thanks.

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Aston
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Rafelt declares an interest in item 9(ii) Gymkhana Field planning application. Cllr Harper declares an interest in item 9(iii) Bolton Road shed replacement application. Cllr Threlfall declares that he is dual hatted as Parish Councillor and also representative of the District Council Planning Committee, and as such any conclusions/decisions will be solely from documents produced at this PC meeting.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 30th March. Item 9 Jubilee celebrations, change to “underwrite” in place of “overwrite”, otherwise it was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record. Clerk to make the alteration.
- 4) Crime Report. This month Officers have been busy notifying schools and businesses about County lines. This is a form of exploitation where a child is befriended by a criminal and then manipulated into drug dealing, this is often to more rural areas. Crime figures small. NY Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner will answer questions at YLCA meeting on 26th May, the questions we wish to raise must be submitted by 4th May. Cllr Rafelt suggests that a question relating to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill 2021 should be asked and in relation to how this will work with unauthorised encampments. Also, a question about lack of detail in the crime report given to PCs and ask for more representation of Officers at PC meetings. Clerk to forward questions. Cllr Les adds that the legislation is now waiting for Royal Assent and Cllr Les brings a factsheet relating. To be circulated and put on Facebook page and website.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. Cllr Rafelt asks each MOP in turn. One feels there are too many developments and growth within the village, another adds that they aren't happy with any new planning developments within the village, as there are too many already proposed. Some items MOP raised are within the agenda and discussed later.
- 6) Updates from County/District Councillors. District Cllr Rowe: Staffing continues to be problematic within RDC, there is a shortage of planning officers and this makes contacting them difficult. Events funding, this has now been extended to religious organisations provided they are beneficial to the community, forms somewhat complicated.
District Cllr Threlfall: Large event grant released to get events going again after COVID restrictions, this is for things such as the Feast. £7.5 million will be spent on improving council housing stock.
County Cllr Les: COVID looks like it has peaked now, NHS and Care provision still under pressure. Make Care Matter promotion has been successful with 127 extra carers now employed. Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill 2021, Cllr Les will organise a meeting with the NYCC legal team, as to how this new legislation will work practically. Ukrainian refugees, still an evolving situation and visas numbers remain low but NYCC are ready to help when they arrive.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings.
Signage update (Bridge Green, Jubilee Green, entrances/main green). The signs will be delivered tomorrow and erected soon after. Traveller's update. Emails from residents. MOP had written to Mr Sunak regarding her concerns relating to the new legislation and detailing problems that residents have had to ensure over the last few years. She further asks what action would be taken should the new signs be ignored. Cllr Rafelt states that, as custodians of the land, we would refer the matter to Police. Clerk to reply. Cllr Threlfall adds that we need both the signs and the new legislation. The PC has pushed for this legislation along with many other councils. MOP suggests the use of portaloos for the travellers, this has been tried in the past and has not been successful. Email from MOP. Asks about the signage and the new legislations. Clerk to reply.
Play equipment update for Jubilee Green and Typhoon Close. District Cllr Threlfall reports that Typhoon

Close park should be updated soon. This is a DC owned park and they plan to add a seesaw, bench, spinner and rocker to the area. Scorton Bus shelter buddies funding. Another quote sought for a roundabout/spinner. Proludic £2834.50, Streetscape £ 2800.00, it was resolved to accept the Streetscape quote; Cllrs preferred the design. Cemetery issues. Additional quote for fencing works. Len Porter £2200.00, Westwood Fencing £5066.00, it was resolved to accept the Len Porter quote. Clerk to inform. Jubilee celebrations. Cllr Threlfall reports that most quotes are now in. Plans for marquee, lighting, decorations, stage, tables, chairs, bands, toilets. Clerk to apply for funding from RDC Platinum Jubilee funding. Cllr Threlfall suggests mugs or coins for the children but this would be dependant on the funding, usually adults can purchase.

8) Accounts.

Incoming: -

- RDC (Precept) £15500.00

Outgoing:

- RDC (Play park inspections) £545.38
- Plus Net (Broadband) £37.40

MOP queries the price of tarmacking around the accesses, invoice not yet received.

9) Planning items

- i) Outline Application for Residential Development (with all Matters Reserved Except for Access) Including new Vehicular and Pedestrian Access, Site Drainage, Hard and Soft Landscaping and Associated Works at Land For Development at Station Road. A letter had been received from a MOP regarding this development, many concerns noted re: their objection to the development, and informed that she is a signatory of a joint letter of objection which has been sent to the planning authority. It was resolved to support this application however the PC has two concerns about this proposed development: Entrance and egress. Councillors felt that the present location would be unsuitable for vehicular access. They suggest a mini roundabout at the Stags Way junction, this would not only slow the traffic but be a safer and more sensible location for a junction. Density. The number of housing for the plot of land means that the housing is quite dense; could the number of houses be reduced?
- ii) Approval of Reserved Matters Application Following Outline Approval of Planning Permission for 17/00710/OUT for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale at Land For Development, Bolton Road. MOP in attendance and requested that the boundary is screened to the rear of her property, also request for the building nearest to be moved further away from the boundary or turned so that the gable end is not in view. It was resolved to support this application however the PC has a number of concerns: Screening to the rear of 5 Archers Green and footpath along the southside of Archers Green. It appears that the screening has disappeared from the revised plans, could this be screened as per the original plans (initial design and consultation document show screening along this whole west edge). Furthermore, the footpath along the southside of Archers Green, previously showed an avenue of trees. Please could this be reinstated? Proposed dwelling to the rear of 5 Archers Green. Could this building be moved, so it is not directly adjacent to the boundary of 5 Archers Green. Roundabout to be constructed prior to any works being carried out. We request that compliance to Condition 13 must be adhered to and no approval should be given to deviate from the construction of the roundabout ahead of any work on site.
- iii) Full Planning Permission to Demolish a Wooden Outbuilding and Reconstruct a Brick Outbuilding in its Place which Matches the Main Dwelling at Derrydale, Bolton Road. Planning emails forwarded from two MOP, and also at meeting. Emails read out which discussed objections to the proposal. It was resolved that the PC has no objections provided that the new brick building is a direct replacement for the wooden outbuilding, ie, same height, footprint and orientation as the present structure.

Granted: FPP for retention of timber cabin as summer house/hobby space at 8 Beaufigther Close.

- 10) Decision about the possible acquisition of Spitfire Close play park. RDC are willing to hand over this park to the PC. It was resolved to accept this offer.
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. None attended.
- 12) Safety review. Report from RDC play park inspection: some concern that the nylon inserts on swing seat hanger cracking and the new play unit has some burnt end caps. Streetscape will repair when they install the new spinner. Mollie Cail, the twirly pole needs greasing.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. MOP reports via email the hogweeds are coming back, clerk contacted contractor and they will treat them prior to cutting becksides. MOP reports via email

bricks and stones on Mollie Cail park. Cllrs will action this. MOP at meeting reports that lifebuoys had been thrown about on the quarry walks. Two had been put back by clerk and MOP but some remained out of bounds. Clerk to ask Tarmac to resolve. MOP asks what can be done about the bus shelter, as getting overrun and untidy. Cllr Threlfall replies that the bus shelter will be painted over the summer and as such the shelving will need reviewing at that time.

- 14) Correspondence. RDC – return of uncontested election. All Cllrs have been re-elected and will take their office on 9/5/22. Declaration of Acceptance of Office, expenses declaration and registration of financial and personal interest to be completed at AGM.

Meeting closed: 21.05